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Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely:

*Kenny Trout*  
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P.O. Box 1467  
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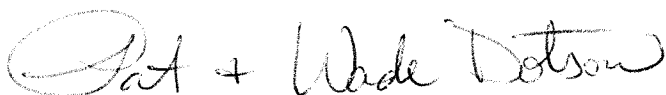
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Pat Dotson  
Wade Dotson  
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Re: Deregulation of Electricity

Mr. Irvin,

Did you know that the copper mine in Bagdad, Arizona employs 520 personnel? We are part of the equation that pays more taxes than anyone in Yavapai County. We also pay the highest power supply rate of all the Cyprus Mines operating in Arizona. Power represents 20% of our operating costs. It is not at all unusual for the whole town to be without power due to APS equipment failure or line problems.

I strongly feel that Bagdad power costs should only reflect the true cost to provide power service at 115 kV.

I also feel that we should be afforded the opportunity to deregulated power costs.

If the settlement that APS has proposed is passed, I / we are truly uncertain of the mines future considering the stymied copper market of today.

Think of the money that we pour into the economy and the government. It would be a shame to close the mine not only for the economy and taxes, it would be a devastation to the 520 men and women of the mine.

I strongly urge you to consider the men, women and the finances when it comes time to rule on the deregulation issue.

Sincerely,



Harry A. McClure  
Environmental Technician, CBCC

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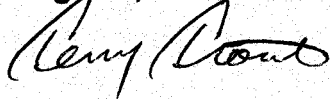
Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely:

Terry Trout

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Bagdad, AZ 86321



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Mr. Remy Jennings, Commissioner  
Arizona Corporation Commission

Dear Mr. Jennings

This letter is to voice  
my opinion of the Utilities  
Deregulation.

Here at Cyprus Bagdad  
Copper Corp. we employ 520  
people, and is the second  
highest taxpayer in Yavapai  
County. With the lower copper  
prices, we need to stay competitive  
with the market. Without lower  
power costs this cannot be done.

I am a native Arizonian.  
I have been working in, for and  
around copper mines since 1965.  
I have seen what strikes and  
shutdowns can do to the towns  
and the people that live there.

The power company, it  
represents 20% of our costs to  
operate this mine each year, and  
they get this regardless whether in

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good times when copper prices are up or when they are down. The Cyprus employees pay higher rates of any other place in the state.

Businesses in the county and state reap benefits from the mine and from the people who work there. So <sup>do</sup> the school districts but look at Bagdad and its the worse.

Don't you think that the people that work in the mines deserve a break once in awhile. You give the mines a break and you are giving the miners a break.

I know that this letter probably won't get any attention due to the fact I am a lawyer copper miner who is trying to raise a family, but it is the least I can do for my company, Cyprus Bagdad Copper who is trying to help me by staying open. But without lower power costs and with the copper market the way it is, this cannot happen.

I thank you for your  
time in reading this letter if  
it indeed gets opened instead of  
the trash can.

Years ago the three "C's"  
made this state what it is  
to day.

Cotton  
Cattle  
Copper

Thank you.

Bob Morrow

Robert T. Maun.  
P.O. Box 104  
Bagdad, Ariz  
86321

P.S. I invite you and fellow  
commissioners to come to Bagdad  
and see what we are all about.

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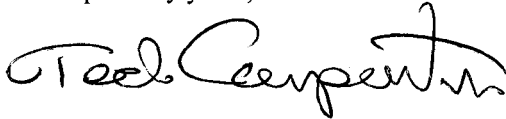
Dear Commissioner Jennings,

As a person that will be directly impacted by the deregulation of power in Arizona I feel that it is in my best interest that you have my opinion on the matter. The electric deregulation settlement that APS proposed would have caused the cost of power to go up for the company that I work for. In light of the fact that we already pay a higher cost for our power than the other mines that we operate in Arizona, it would make it hard for us to stay in business. I think that Bagdad's cost for power should only reflect the true cost to provide power service at 115 kV.

Bagdad Copper Co. directly employs 520 people and indirectly provides jobs for many more by its use of outside services and the purchases from vendors. Bagdad is the largest tax payer in Yavapai County and if they had to shut down because of a unfavorable settlement it would impact the people of this county unfairly.

I think that it is only fair for all involved that the Jan. 1, 1999 start date should NOT be delayed. I also think that the Corporation Commission should not sign any agreement that would give any company an unfair advantage over another.

Respectfully yours,



Ted Carpenter  
P.O. Box 272  
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Dear Commissioner Renz Jennings,

I am writing to you because of the serious need for competition for the electric rates we pay to stay in business. This need for competition effects 520 employees, there families and all of Yavapai Co. because Cyprus Bagdad is the largest taxpayer in Yavapai Co .

The power supply contract we now have is the highest cost power of all Cyprus mines in Arizona and equals 20% of our direct operating expense. Next is labor, and with the falling copper prices, one of these is going to have to decrease. All we ask is that the power cost should only reflect the true cost to provide power service at 115kV.

The settlement proposals up to this time would have increased the power cost to Bagdad and could be enough to put 520 families out of work, which would be devistating!

Thank you for your sincere attention. This subject doesn't just involved greedy, money hungry power companies, it also involves hard working, tax paying citizen, and jobs for 520 families in Bagdad .

Thank you,



David N. Shiflett  
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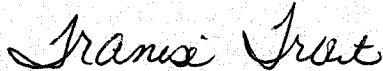
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Respectfully yours,

Billy Ray Hartzell  
P.O. Box 1524  
Bagdad, Arizona  
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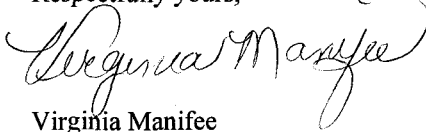
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Virginia Manifee  
P.O. Box 936  
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